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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 1 as follows:

The IRD 132 is <u>releasably</u> communicatively coupleable to a conditional access module (CAM) 406. The CAM 406 is typically implemented in a smart card or similar device, which is provided to the subscriber 110 to be inserted into the IRD 132. The CAM 406 interfaces with a conditional access verifier (CAV) 408 which performs at least some of the functions necessary to verify that the subscriber 110 is entitled to access the media programs. The CAV 408 is communicatively coupled to a metadata analysis module (MAM) 411. Using the information in metadata table (e.g. Table 1 described below), the MAM 411 acts as a gate-keeper to determine whether stored media programs will be decrypted and presented to the subscriber 110. This is accomplished by comparing the metadata values with measured or accumulated values. The CAV 408 and the MAM 411 can be implemented as separate modules from the transport/demux/decryptor 412 and the microcontroller and memory 414 as shown, or may be implemented via software instructions stored in the memory and performed by the microcontroller 414.